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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 2243**

**An Act to Clarify the Zoning Provisions Administered by the  
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission**

**PUBLIC 653  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

LORD  
LUDWIG  
LOOK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Changes in land use districts, zoning changes and resulting zoning maps are technically considered rulemaking under state law. As such, the current requirement under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act that all proposed rules must be placed in advance on an agency regulatory agenda applies to zoning petitions received by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, or LURC. This bill exempts LURC zoning petitions from that requirement.

**LD 2249**

**An Act to Improve the Administration of Municipal Landfill  
Closure and Remediation Plans**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**

LORD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The stated intent of this bill was to clarify several provisions of law relating to municipal landfill closure and remediation. The provisions of law that would have been affected by this bill included: municipal closure obligations and state cost-sharing funds; the Department of Environmental Protection's authority to effect the closure of "high-risk" landfills; municipal disposal obligations; the department's regulatory authority regarding facilities that existed before modern solid waste laws; the relationship between Maine's right-to-know law and departmental closure and licensing documentation; and contaminated water standards. The bill also would have established further legislative guidance with regard to the prioritized distribution of available state cost-sharing funds; linked the availability of cost-sharing funds to municipal closure timetables; and clarified existing regulatory interpretation concerning the applicability of licensing restrictions to facilities existing before the pertinent licensing restriction laws.

**LD 2252**

**An Act Dealing with the Powers of the Maine Low-level  
Radioactive Waste Authority**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**

WEBSTER  
POWERS  
BAILEY R

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have given the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority the power to reimburse a municipality for legal costs incurred by the municipality in defending an action brought by the authority.